

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-17, 36-51, 66-78, 80-83, drawn to a first apparatus for moving microparticles having multiple stations and a drive element to move the microparticles;
- II. Claims 18-31, 85-88, drawn to a second apparatus for moving mircoparticles having multiple stations connected by tracks and a drive element to move the microparticles;
- III. Claim 32-34, 90, drawn to a method of moving microparticles using the apparatus of Group I;
- IV. Claims 35, 89, drawn to a method of moving microparticles using the apparatus of Group II;
- V. Claims 55-65, drawn to a microparticle with electric or magnetic dipoles;
- VI. Claim 79, drawn to a method of ejecting a microparticle from a liquid; and
- VII. Claim 84, drawn to a controller.

In response, the applicants elect to begin prosecution with examination of claim group I, claims 1-17, 36-51, 66-78, and 80-83, without traverse. Non-elected claims 18-35, 52-65, 79 and 84 have been canceled.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4401.

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